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## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1953.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R. J. Little), Perth.

4th March, 1953.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1952 was estimated to be 607,413, comprising 313,109 Males and 294,304 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951, was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>DECEMBER.</u>		<u>12 Months Ended</u> <u>DECEMBER.</u>	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Marriages - <del>Number.</del> *Rate per 1000 of Population.	557 10.75	410 8.17	5,388 8.95	5,390 9.27
Births - <del>Number.</del> *Rate per 1000 of Population.	1,237 23.86	918 18.30	15,413 25.61	14,794 25.44
Deaths - <del>Number.</del> *Rate per 1000 of Population.	442 8.53	350 6.98	5,214 8.66	5,288 9.09
Infant Mortality - <del>Number.</del> *Rate per 1000 Live Births.	30 24.25	26 28.32	324 24.91	425 28.73
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	10	3	81	83
Cancer.	69	44	686	686
Influenza.	3	3	22	24
Diphtheria.	-	-	2	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	46	37	609	594
Arteriosclerosis.	14	14	177	213
Diseases of the Heart.	131	108	1,690	1,716
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	13	6	171	188
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	3	5	40	64
Nephritis.	8	7	80	87
Diseases of Early Infancy.	14	17	234	264
Senility.	4	3	28	22
Accidents.	36	26	405	383
All Other Causes.	91	77	989	953
Total.	442	350	5,214	5,288

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1953 totalled 44,584 acres, an increase of 9,304 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 43,044 acres, an increase of 37,332.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JANUARY.		7 Months ended JANUARY.	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	3,301,651	2,704,975	20,203,586	18,496,141
Revenue per Head of Population.	£5. 7. 8	£4. 11. 4	£33. 5. 3	£31. 9.10
Expenditure.	3,042,022	2,785,039	21,995,428	19,363,273
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£4. 19. 2	£4. 14. 0d	£36. 4. 3	£32. 19. 4

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st January, 1953, amounted to £48,518,141 or £79. 1. 8d. per head of population as against £46,301,768 or £78. 1. 0d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 28th January, 1953, amounted to £11,728,507 compared with £12,052,963 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		JANUARY.		7 Months Ended JANUARY.	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Transfers.	No.	1,414	1,619	11,433	13,558
	£.	1,656,277	2,115,735	12,631,243	18,096,199
Mortgages.	No.	969	1,098	8,263	9,210
	£.	1,296,816	1,500,515	11,916,312	12,793,911
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	881	883	6,033	6,508

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND

TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Seven months ended January, 1953.	20,767,116	14,617,899	48,248,847	3,144,894
Seven months ended January, 1952.	21,110,974	16,448,257	48,942,047	3,072,142
Month of January, 1953.	2,691,974	1,648,767	7,351,736	502,271
Month of January, 1952.	4,190,408	2,368,509	9,047,842	686,102





COMPANIES REGISTERED.

60 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £3,151,000, and 31 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1953. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 49 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,231,500 and 41 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Seven Months ended JANUARY.					
	1953			1952		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	22	51,220	34,646	10	24,283	29,363
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	14	59,800	57,394	5	8,210	4,353
Deeds of Arrangement.	-	-	-	1	1,978	1,015

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	DECEMBER.		6 Months Ended DECEMBER.	
	1952 /	1951	1952 /	1951
Gross Earnings. (a) * £.	749,200	755,900	3,244,100	4,847,000
Working Expenses. (a) £.	1,064,305	877,983	5,447,971	5,207,939
Train Miles Run. No.	536,226	597,163	2,029,651	3,626,623
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b) 145,223	(b) 147,898	(c) 986,904	(c) 893,198
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train. No.	493,977	812,955	2,368,340	5,501,576
Motor Bus. No.	52,113	49,298	331,036	288,409
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods.	234,482	217,439	945,715	1,523,314
Livestock.	12,879	12,849	72,319	76,667
Departmental. (Free Freight).	70,816	50,858	259,420	403,699
Total.	318,117	281,146	1,277,454	2,003,680
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods.	37,440,406	33,776,070	143,172,982	233,049,132
Livestock.	1,557,465	1,936,839	9,484,902	10,146,606
Departmental (Free Freight).	10,062,881	6,376,026	36,240,221	46,604,992
Total.	49,060,752	42,088,935	188,898,105	289,800,730

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 13th December.

(c) Period ended 13th December.

\* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect result of Metal Trade Strike.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED) VEHICLES.

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 -								
January.	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237
February.	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231
March.	407	228	4	156	881	611	11	261
April.	512	241	5	120	949	568	7	177
May.	390	186	8	65	769	494	13	115
June.	238	129	16	68	501	388	18	115
July.	293	156	7	79	542	437	8	151
August.	260	137	3	65	493	385	3	108
September.	300	140	7	56	594	397	10	125
October.	375	195	7	68	715	530	9	121
November.	282	136	7	79	556	409	10	140
December.	363	135	6	82	692	385	11	158

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).\*

Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950 -								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 -								
June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 -								
January.	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934
February.	36,069	15,824	501	9,867	60,178	48,141	950	15,357
March.	36,377	15,964	507	9,907	60,967	48,676	963	15,507
April.	36,863	16,133	507	9,953	62,146	49,462	962	15,796
May.	37,050	16,210	509	9,894	62,999	50,354	973	15,902
June.	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
July.	38,683	16,721	522	10,110	63,573	49,705	999	14,950
August.	38,845	16,769	524	10,094	63,968	50,001	1,001	14,977
September.	39,156	16,857	525	10,123	64,573	50,346	1,005	15,075
October.	39,410	16,975	532	10,100	64,915	50,360	993	15,113
November.	39,621	17,070	539	10,156	65,712	51,347	1,007	15,431
December.(a)								

\* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for November, 1952:-  
96 Cars; 776 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

(a) Not yet available.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, December, 1952 and 1951, and six months ended December, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.		DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea.	2,008	3,763	15,170	29,405	9,565	5,528	44,805	39,761
Interstate.	4,634	6,034	33,943	32,203	3,096	919	12,487	5,677
Total.	6,642	9,797	49,113	61,608	12,661	6,447	57,292	45,438





BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1952 -										
March Qr.	586	1,103	898	1,779	14	185	121	399	1,619	3,466
June Qr.	737	1,296	1,175	2,458	9	103	128	428	2,049	4,285
Sept. Qr.	669	1,451	1,400	3,470	19	170	141	644	2,229	5,735
Dec. Qr.	891	1,974	1,473	3,494	21	209	214	771	2,599	6,448

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1952 -										
March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870
June Qr.	732	1,858	138	245	986	1,542	43	87	1,899	3,732
Sept. Qr.	792	2,200	248	614	961	1,751	39	90	2,040	4,655
Dec. Qr.	923	2,665	246	579	1,128	2,130	17	16	2,314	5,390

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

989,083 lbs. were produced during January, 1953, and 12,288,526 lbs. for the seven months ended January, 1953, as against 857,825 lbs. and 12,395,015 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JANUARY.		12 Months Ended DECEMBER.	
	1953	1952	1952	1951
Quantity .... Fine Ozs.	58,324	56,145	729,975	627,779
Value (Aust. Currency) *£.	903,535	869,782	11,308,559	9,725,343

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1952, amounted to £1,079,372. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £1,000,469.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months Ended DECEMBER.		DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months Ended DECEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Metropolitan Area.	2439	2134	2359	1963	2225	1989	2170	1860
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2647	2286	2556	2105	2324	2078	2262	1940
Northam.	2521	2175	2429	1995	2253	1991	2186	1870
Bunbury.	2505	2178	2415	1991	2255	2012	2195	1870
Geraldton.	2566	2216	2473	2033	2364	2090	2293	1956
Collie.	2524	2174	2432	1991	2146	1916	2085	1785

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1951			1952		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128	127,314	41,319	168,633
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690	127,666	41,367	169,033
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514	126,905	41,326	168,231
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357	126,734	41,110	167,844
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848	126,001	40,564	166,565
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094	125,215	40,408	165,623
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077	125,577	40,115	165,692
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840	125,235	40,272	165,507
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248	126,306	40,389	166,695
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113	126,330	40,541	166,871
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410	126,684	40,719	167,403

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base; 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1948	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.	171	179	194	208	213	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	212	212	1249	1358	1387	1495	1536
March.	176	186	200	215	212	1264	1371	1415	1513	1522
April.	176	187	200	215	209	1264	1377	1415	1508	1517
May.	177	187	203	216	207	1277	1354	1418	1500	1512
June.	177	187	202	215	205	1277	1362	1429	1517	1495
July.	177	182	204	216	204	1301	1381	1423	1517	1497
August.	179	189	204	215	207	1294	1377	1419	1510	1488
September.	180	190	204	212	206	1302	1365	1428	1518	1485
October.	180	191	206	214	207	1318	1375	1431	1522	1507
November.	182	192	207	214	208	1349	1402	1450	1537	1519
December.	182	194	207	213	209	1385	1470	1531	1587	1574

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.





STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.			South-West Land Division.			Goldfields and Rest of State.		
	Male.		Female.	Male.		Female.	Male.		Female.
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27th January, 1953.	*11.	18.	6	*7.	15.	0	12.	0.	6
							7.	16.	4
							12.	5.	9
							7.	19.	9

\* From 27th October, 1952.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations).

Particulars.	JANUARY.		7 Months Ended JANUARY.	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	27,831	26,841	199,147	183,699
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	24,769	22,971	176,181	159,627

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
January, 1953.	7,199	477	109,504	9,413
January, 1952.	5,783	414	85,229	9,691
12 Months ended December, 1952.	98,100	6,402	1,258,754	118,192
12 Months ended December, 1951.	107,699	4,455	772,217	117,512

The above is a list of the names of the persons who have been  
 named in the report of the committee on the subject of the  
 investigation of the case of the late Mr. J. B. Smith, who  
 was killed by a bullet from a rifle, on the 10th of  
 March, 1891. The names are given in the order in which  
 they were named in the report.

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